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Remarks

Claims 12 and 14 are amended herein. The pending claims are claims 3, 5, and 10-14.

The amendments to claims 12 and 14 are supported throughout the specification, e.g., at page 2, lines 7-9. The specification references the cDNA sequence disclosed by Winkelman et al. at page 2, line 8, which is the cDNA sequence of Epo used in the studies of the present invention and is SEQ ID NO: 4.

The amendment herein to the specification paragraph beginning at page 2, line 6, is also supported, e.g., at page 2, lines 7-9.

Accordingly, the amendments to the claims and specification do not introduce new matter.

If there are any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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